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Drug forfeiture funding is suspended

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A 1.2 billion dollar reduction in the Federal Drug Asset Forfeiture Program announced last November, after the enactment of The Bipartisan Budget Act, has suspended equitable fund sharing to police agencies across the U.S. including those in Plymouth Township and Northville.

Federal officials have already begun implementing cost reduction measures according to a letter dated Dec. 21, 2015 sent to state and local law enforcement agencies. The equitable sharing asset forfeiture program through the Department of Justice was designed as an incentive for state and local governments to seize the property of criminal suspects, according to officials.

> *If we can no longer share assets with state and local governments, then we can't afford to have people assigned to a DEA task force.*

The program, critics said, widely criticized outside of law enforcement circles, allowed enforcement agencies like the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to get around state law limitations on asset forfeitures and therefore seize more assets, sometimes keeping 80 percent of the value. Criminal suspects, the subjects of the seizures, included many who have never been charged with any crime, nor prosecuted, according to officials.

According to published accounts, property owners in some states were denied an opportunity to challenge the seizures and law enforcement agencies were able to hold on to their assets for many months without a hearing. Their attorneys labeled the program

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Solid state
Leaders report progress in local communities

At "halftime," things are looking good for the City of Romulus.

Mayor Leroy Burcroff gave his annual State of the City address last week, comparing his four-year term to the four quarters of a football game. With two years-or two quarters-under his belt, he said he's proud of the things that have been accomplished and eager for the progress to come.

Highlights include the expansion of public-private partnerships that brought new parks and programs to the city, additional economic development and enhanced communication between the city and residents.

In economic development, he said the city is working with developers, still, on the proposed Outlets of Michigan retail outlet mall, and hoped to see some progress this year. Due to its proximity to I-94, the project requires federal approval for additional access points. He said they're also working to land some additional anchor tenants that would ensure that when the project is ready to go it will be filled from day one.

"They don't have all the tenants locked in yet," he said. "We still feel good about it; we haven't head anything that tells us they won't move forward."

The city is also working with a new tenant for the former Romulus Marketplace in downtown.

Romulus returned two recreation facilities to residents with the re-opening of Park #1, located near the intersection of Beverly and Henry Ruff roads, as St. John's Lodge Park, and the redevelopment of the dilapidated tennis and roller hockey court at Elmer Johnson Park into the city's second dog park. This one, now named US Ecology Dog Park, was funded by a Romulus-based business, US Ecology, which bought the dog exercise equipment and top soil.

The city partnered with another business, Westside Beer Distributors, on a new project called Paint The Town, which used donated supplies and volunteers to repair the home of a Romulus resident and veteran. Working with the Rolling Thunder Chapter 5 members, city employees and members of local St. John's Lodge #44, about 40 volunteers from the company helped out in the project.

Burcroff also created a new committee made up of employees and residents that brainstormed ideas for new events as well as ways to build up attendance at current events. Through the committee, events like the Sounds in Downtown, Free August Youth Days at local parks were implements and the adult co-ed summer softball league was reinstated at Elmer Johnson Park, as well as many other fun initiatives.

Also completed in 2015 were the Downtown Streetscape and Goddard

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Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff (above) delivers his annual State of the City address to a packed audience recently.

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy, right, receives congratulations from Plymouth Noon Rotary Club President Russ Jones after a preview of his upcoming State of the Township address.

Canton supervisor speaks to Plymouth Rotary Club

Canton Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy gave members of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club a preview of his State of the Township address planned for March 2. The supervisor, who announced that he will not seek reelection earlier this year, encouraged the audience to attend his annual address, but did offer several hints as to the message he would be delivering.

LaJoy, a former state representative and township trustee, told the assembled crowd that "Canton Township financially and otherwise is in good shape."

He lauded the reactions of township employees faced with the Dec. 23 tornado that damaged several industrial buildings on Lilley Road near Joy.

"There was no warning whatsoever," LaJoy told the crowd. "The good news is no one was hurt."

He said that about 24 businesses suffered damage and that Canton staff people were working on Christmas Eve. "Our emergency management procedures went well. You always have to be ready."

LaJoy teased the crowd with news of impending financial development in the township but cautioned them that there were things he "could

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New health center, retail development OK'd

Members of the Westland City Council approved a rezoning to allow for the development of land at the corner of Ford and Newburgh roads which will include a skilled-care nursing facility and other retail businesses.

Council members unanimously agreed to rezone the 12.5 acres, the former site of the Feister Auto and RV business, to allow Ciena Healthcare to purchase the land from current owner Glenn Shaw, Jr. for the planned 76,000 square foot construction.

> *It's a huge win/win for everyone involved.*
> **Council President James Godbout**

Nearby residents in the Carolon Condominiums had originally opposed the rezoning at a recent meeting of the planning commission. The residents cited concerns about possible noise and increased traffic from the new center. To ameliorate those concerns, Ciena purchased an additional parcel of land closest to the Carolon Condominiums and agreed to use it as a buffer between the new construction and the existing homes. Ciena will install a detention basin and add to the

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Belleville - Inkster

No progress reported on fire contract

Fire department union officials say there has been no progress in negotiations for a contract with the City of Belleville.

According to Brian Blackburn, the local union president of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF), the contract has been under negotiation for nearly two years, since the fire fighters voted to join the union.

Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters Fred Timpner said that the parties had reached an "impasse" and that a hoped-for agreement in December failed when negotiators for the city balked at formerly agreed-upon conditions. The fire fighters union has filed for binding arbitration with the city and expects to learn the name of the arbitrator who will hear the dispute this month. Timpner said the union has "thrown up their hands" after the failed attempts to come to an agreement with Belleville officials.

The major issue in dispute, according to union officials, is wages. The current pay scale allows for the reduction of the hourly rate from $14 an hour to $10 an hour after the first hour on duty for the on-call fire fighters. The union insists on a standard wage for every hour on duty, with no reduction after the first hour.

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Timpner said the city position could be interpreted as some kind of punishment to the fire fighters if they do not extinguish the fire in the first hour. He said the fire fighters are called out from their homes at all hours and in all types of weather and always respond immediately.

He indicated that a reciprocal response in negotiations from the city would be appropriate in light of the performance of the fire fighters working without a contract and under the same conditions that had forced them to unionize two years ago.

He said that the latest contract language which was tentatively approved came back from the city with several changes.

"There has been no more movement," he said. "We're done." The cost of the binding arbitration procedure, estimated at between $10,000 to $20,000 will be paid equally by the city and the fire fighters' union. The fees cover the hearings by the arbitrator and a court stenographer, but do not include attorney fees or transcripts.

Timpner added that he is proud to represent the Belleville fire fighters and added that the community should be very proud of them.

Helping hands

The Juneteenth Chapter of Detroit donated a $500 check to the Inkster Legends Christmas Giveaway in support of fundraising efforts. Former Detroit Piston John Long, left, joined in the celebration along with Michael Joseph, Legends Director Fred Smiley and fundraising chairperson Tyrone Mitchell.

LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Ridgewood Hills No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 Subdivisions and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of partial pavement and curb replacement, sub-base and subgrade preparation, and miscellaneous driveway work, sidewalk ramp, drainage structure modification or subgrade underdrain installation, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of concrete road pavement only, or as required by County of Wayne. It is understood that this is primarily a road improvement project and therefore any drainage problems existing prior to the project will not be corrected except where said modification is necessary to protect the life of the road pavement. Existing water problems, such as standing water, etc., outside of the roadway will not be resolved by this program. It is further understood that this improvement, if permitted by the County of Wayne, could be subject to special conditions dependent upon the findings of the soils investigation report, existing subsurface conditions, etc. The project commences at the north right-of-way line of Ann Arbor Road, and proceeds northwesterly along Pineview Drive approximately 720 feet to the intersection of Red Maple Drive, then continues to proceed northerly along Red Maple Drive approximately 2,900 feet to the intersection of Plum Tree Drive, then proceeds easterly along Plum Tree Drive approximately 1,200 feet to the east limit of SAD boundary at Lot 333. The project also includes Harvest Drive commencing at the intersection of Red Maple Drive and proceeding easterly approximately 1,200 feet to the east limit of SAD boundary at Lot 356, and Pinehill Drive commencing at the intersection of Red Maple Drive and proceeding easterly approximately 1,100 feet to the east limit of SAD boundary at Lot 268, and Woodway Drive commencing at the intersection of Red Maple Drive and proceeding easterly approximately 1,000 feet to the east limit of SAD boundary at Lot 209, and Red Pine Drive commencing at the intersection of Winterset Circle and proceeding southeasterly approximately 1,050 feet to the intersection of Winterset Circle, and Winterset Circle commencing at the intersection of Woodway Drive and proceeding south, southeasterly, and northeasterly approximately 1,600 feet to the east limit of SAD boundary at Lot 186, and Jasmine Drive for approximately 370 feet between Pineview Drive and Winterset Circle, and Woodway Drive commencing at Red Maple Drive and proceeding westerly approximately 160 feet to west limit of SAD boundary, and Harvest Drive commencing at Red Maple Drive and proceeding westerly approximately 160 feet to west limit of SAD boundary, and Plum Tree Court commencing at the intersection of Plum Tree Drive and proceeding northeasterly approximately 180 feet to its point of termination, and Harvest Court commencing at the intersection of Harvest Drive and proceeding southwesterly approximately 560 feet to its point of termination, and Red Maple Court commencing at Red Maple Drive and proceeding southerly approximately 440 feet to its point of termination.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Pineview Drive, Red Maple Drive, Plum Tree Drive, Harvest Drive, Pinehill Drive, Woodway Drive, Red Pine Drive, Winterset Circle, Jasmine Drive, Plum Tree Court, Harvest Court, and Red Maple Court, consists of Lots 186 through 385 of Ridgewood Hills No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 Subdivisions, located in both the Northwest and Southwest ¼ of Section 32, T.lS, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of $674,050.00.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 013

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE TEXT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 17, 2016
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth, on its own motion, proposes to amend the text of Zoning Ordinance No. 99 by amending the language of Section 28.14 in Article XXVIII, Special Provisions, as follows:

ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS, IS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED BY REPLACING THE EXISTING LANGUAGE OF SECTION 28.14 WITH THE FOLLOWING:

SEC. 28.14 BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

1. **Purpose**

The purpose of this Article is to establish a consistent set of standards for the design and appearance of non-single-family residential structures, which includes buildings, canopies, or gateway structures, within each zoning district of the Township, in order to improve and enhance the overall visual character of the community. These standards are also intended to encourage architectural variety within the context of creating a high-quality and harmonious aesthetic environment. This Article shall apply to new construction as well as additions or alterations to existing non-single family residential structures.

2. **Building Massing and Form**

(a) All buildings shall incorporate architectural features, such as: arches, arcades, porticos, cornices, peaked rooflines, or towers.

(b) Building walls over 100 feet in length shall be broken up by varying rooflines, projections, recesses, wall insets, arcades, windows or faux windows, architectural accents, and other details to create rhythm and interest in building facades. Repeating patterns of changes in color, texture, and materials are encouraged.

3. **Facade Materials**

(a) A minimum of 75% of all building facades, excluding the roof and windows, shall consist of masonry products, such as: brick, cut stone, integral colored split face block, cast stone, limestone, granite, or an equivalent material, as determined by the Planning Commission or the Administrative Review Committee. The use of aluminum metal panel systems may be permitted for buildings located within an industrial area, or for buildings of a high-technology or industrial nature. Aluminum metal panel systems may also be permitted for automobile dealerships. The Planning Commission or Administrative Review Committee may modify the 75% exterior finish requirement, if the proposed project is found to meet the objectives of this Article.

(b) The remaining maximum 25% of the building facade may utilize other materials such as: fiberglass-reinforced concrete, cement board siding, stucco, polymer plastic (Fypon), or EIFS, provided that such materials do not constitute the base of the building.

(c) The facade materials for any screening structure, which may be used to screen elevators, stairways, tanks, heating and air conditioning equipment, vents, ducts, pipes, or other similar apparatus, shall complement the facade materials of the principal building.

4. **Color and Texture**

(a) Variations in color shall be kept to a minimum.

(b) Building colors shall be in harmony with the surrounding area. Traditional colors, such as: red, subtle earth tones, or neutral colors shall be used for the building facade material. Roof colors shall complement the color of the building facade. The use of high-intensity, metallic, or fluorescent colors is prohibited.

(c) Accent colors may be permitted if considered by the Planning Commission, or the Administrative Review Committee, to be part of the overall architectural theme for the project.

(d) Awnings located above windows and doors shall consist of a solid color and shall not incorporate stripes or patterns. Dark colors, such as: dark brown, navy blue, black, maroon, dark green, or dark red, are encouraged. Backlit or underlit awnings are prohibited.

(e) Simple and uniform texture patterns within the building facade materials are encouraged.

5. **Roof Design**

(a) Variations in the roofline are required to reduce the scale of the structure and add visual interest.

(b) Rooftop equipment shall be screened from view by parapet walls or other architectural elements which complement the overall building design.

6. **Canopies**

Overhead canopies for gasoline service stations or other uses shall be designed to be compatible with the architectural characteristics and color of the principal building. Canopies shall incorporate peaked, hipped, or gabled roofs with shingles, support structures which match or simulate the materials of the principal building, and fully recessed lighting fixtures.

7. **Alterations or Additions to Existing Buildings**

(a) For an alteration proposed to an existing building facade, the entire façade shall be subject to this Article. However, the Planning Commission or the Administrative Review Committee may limit compliance with this Article to only the portion of the building affected by the proposed alteration, provided that the materials and colors of the altered portion of the building complement the materials and colors of the existing unaltered portion of the building.

(b) For an addition proposed to an existing building, the materials of the existing portion of the building may be utilized for the proposed addition, provided that the following conditions are met:

1) The addition does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the existing building floor area.

2) The facade of the existing portion of the building does not consist of materials or colors that would be prohibited under Section 3 or 4 of this Article.

3) All new facades substantially constitute a continuation of the existing facades relative to color, texture, size, height, and location of materials.

4) The visual effect is to make the addition appear as part of the existing building.

(c) If the alteration or addition is proposed for an existing building located within the Ann Arbor Road Corridor (ARC) District, then the entire building shall be brought into full compliance with this Article. The Planning Commission or the Administrative Review Committee may modify this requirement if the proposed project is found to meet the objectives of the ARC District.

8. **Façade Modification**

The Planning Commission or the Administrative Review Committee may approve alternatives to the exterior building design or materials, provided that the proposed project is found to be consistent with the intent and purpose of this Article.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information relative to the proposed text amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

ROMULUS

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff arrives with his "cheerleaders" for his football-themed State of the City address.

Message

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Road construction and the Wayne Road sidewalk projects.

"Both make our community more safe, walkable and pedestrian-friendly," said Burcroff.

This year, he said the city would concentrate on additional economic and community development projects, including the expansion of the 34th District Court, which will be funded through bonds sold by the city.

Much has been accomplished, during the "first half," he said, but there is still plenty to do.

"Don't give up at halftime," Burcroff said, quoting legendary football coach Bear Bryant. "Concentrate on winning the second half."

Mayors to host charity event

The Mayors' Ball, hosted by Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, is planned for 5 p.m. until midnight, Saturday March 12 at the Romulus Sheraton Hotel, 8000 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Tickets are $100 per person and the donation to the Boys and Girls Clubs in the communities will include dinner, an open bar, dancing and entertainment along with live and silent auctions.

Advance ticket purchase is required. Tickets and information are available from Rob McLachlan, (734) 578-5682 or rwmclachlan@gmail.com.

Sponsorships at various financial levels are still being sought for the event and ads in the program book are available.

The Boys and Girls Clubs is a registered 501© 3 organization.

Student takes gun to school

A 13-year-old freshman student at Belleville High School was arrested and subsequently expelled after a gun was discovered in his backpack Dec. 15.

Parents of students at the high school expressed their displeasure at the failure of school administrators and particularly with principal Abdul Madyn to notify them of the incident. Madyn told TV reporters that the student had been arrested by police and subsequently expelled. He also said he had an "open door policy" and would discuss the incident with any parents who had questions about the incident.

According to Madyn's aired comments, the student had some issues with others at the school and brought the stolen handgun to class. The gun was unloaded but the teen did have bullets in his backpack.

Staff members and parents only found out about the situation last Friday, according to reports, and were upset that no notification had been forthcoming from school administrators.

Monday morning, Jan. 25, city officials announced that in "response to a generic threat received by several high schools in southeast Michigan, Romulus High School and Romulus Police Department instituted proactive precautionary security measures to ensure the safety of students and staff."

The response came after a student brought an Instagram message to the attention of a staff member at the high school. The message contained a non-specific threat directed to "rhs," similar to other generic threats received by several other high schools. The post did not mention Romulus High School by name.

Romulus Police Department officers, were able to determine that the threat to the high school "was not credible."

Police officials said that a state of heightened awareness was still in place and that the department and the school district were "partnering to ensure the continued safety and security of students, staff, residents and citizens in our community."

School board honored

Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools Marjie McAnally presented members of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education certificates of appreciation at their Jan. 11 meeting.

"Serving on a school board has been described as the 'toughest volunteer job in America. Yet Michigan's public school board members dedicate countless personal hours to attending meetings, school functions, and hours of preparation for the decisions they make," said McAnally.

"On top of that, many pursue their own professional development to stay on top of the ever-changing education landscape. Collectively, school board members in Michigan have spent about 7,000 hours attending training and professional development. They're dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students," she added.

January is School Board Recognition Month and Romulus Community Schools joined 541 local and 56 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

School board members in Romulus develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of over $30 million, 3,000 students, 300 employees' and seven instructional buildings, she said.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities," McAnally added. "They preserve the core of our democracy-public education."

Romulus School Board Trustee Devan Safford, left, Trustee Tomeka Boles, Secretary Theresa Beard, President Tom Kuderik, Treasurer Sandra Crout and Vice President Danielle Funderburg show off their certificates of appreciation for their service. Trustee Ulanda Caldwell is not pictured.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 18 2016 for the following:

2016 TREE REMOVAL & PRUNING PROJECT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

FOR THE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that **February 8, 2016**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations postmarked by **February 8, 2016**, will also be accepted.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following:

President of the United States (Republican and Democrat Ballots)

Terry G. Bennett
Canton Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon a two week notice to the Charter Township of Canton. These services include signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Human Resources Director
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS CHAPTER 110/82 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Condominium Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2016 in the ***First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.*** to consider the request by the petitioner to permit the following proposed variances to the Condominium Ordinance for the project known as Grandview Estates located south of Geddes between Denton and Barr Road.

The petitioner has requested a variance pursuant to Section 82-127(b) to allow a variance to the maximum block length.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 4, 2016 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Greg Greene, Chairman
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Charter Township of Canton
Invitation To Bid

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2016 for the following:
CANTON 2016 SIDEWALK REPAIR and GAP PROGRAM

FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS
Aziz Estates #1
Aziz Estates #2
Brookside Village #1
Brookside Village #2
Brookside Village #3
Brookside Village #4
Brookside Village #5
Brookside Village #5
Brookside Village West
Camden Park
Dasher Heights
Holiday Park #1
Holiday Park #2
Holiday Park #3
Westfield Estates
MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS

FOR THE FOLLOWING GAPS
Proposed Alternates

East Side Morton Taylor, North of Warren
Cherry Hill, West of Denton
Cherry Hill and Denton, SW Corner
Cherry Hill, East of Canton Center
Sheldon, South of Palmer

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following approximate quantities of work:

Removal and replacement of approximately 69,300 square feet of concrete of various thickness, ranging from 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inches thick. The repair includes drive approaches, ADA Armor Tile, adjustments and/or reconstruction of utility structures, curbs, restoration and related work.

Bid Documents are on file with Ms. Terry Bennett, the Township Clerk

Bid Documents may be examined at the following locations: Canton Township -2nd Floor Engineering Services, Construction Association of Michigan, McGraw Hill Construction, Reed Construction Data, and Construction News Service of Michigan.

Bid Documents may be obtained at the Charter Township of Canton, Engineering Services - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, MI 48188 upon making a payment of twenty five ($25.00) dollars if picked up or thirty ($30.00) dollars if mailed (checks or money orders only - Payable to the Charter Township of Canton, no cash), none of which will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, money order, or bid bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid, drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract. Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the Project Name, Bidder's name, address and telephone number, and the date and time of bid opening.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, and their respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendations of any bid.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Westland

Mayor visits D.C.

Mayor William R. Wild visited the White House Jan. 21 during his attendance at the 84th winter meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Wild joined more than 250 mayors from across the country at the conference last week. President Barack Obama hosted the bipartisan mayors at the White House to thank them for their steadfast partnerships during the past seven years of his administration and to outline America's priorities for cities across the country in the year ahead. The meeting also focused on the economic progress that each city has made since the president took office.

The mayors recently unveiled their urban agenda - The 2016 Compact for a Better America: A Call to action --which calls on presidential candidates and Congress to invest in and protect America's cities and metro areas.

The gathering convened at the Capital Hilton in Washington D.C.

Wild met with Capitol Hill leaders and administration officials during the week and he was among the mayors urging Congress to continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to spur job creation and economic growth in America's cities and metropolitan areas.

"We have experienced many situations in our state alone that are real examples of why mayors should always be at the table on a state-wide level and federal level discussing issues and solving problems," said Wild. "The Flint water crisis being the most relevant reason to date. In general, problems are solved at the city level and meetings with the president and other leaders on the federal level are imperative, if we want to keep moving in a positive direction."

Some other topics of discussion included: criminal justice reform and community policing, advanced manufacturing and tech innovation, trans-pacific partnership, education, veterans homelessness and transportation and infrastructure.

Land

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existing trees along with some decorative fencing. The additional land could be used for expansion of the Ciena project in the future.

"We heard the concerns at the last meeting. We appreciated the concerns," said John Gaber, attorney for Ciena Healthcare. "The land is part of our development - it locks it in, so that the condominium owners know exactly what they will be getting," Gaber said.

Carolon residents who attended the meeting were in agreement with the new plans and applauded the decision of the city council members.

"It's a huge win/win for everyone involved," Council President James Godbout said.

Nature walk

Wayne County Parks is hosting a Nature Hike and Bonfire and a Winter Tree and Shrub Hike for those who enjoy exploring the outdoors, hiking through snow and observing animals and trees. The Nature Hike and Bonfire is planned from 1 until 2:30 p.m. Saturday Jan. 30 at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The event is recommended for participants 6 and older and the fee is $6 per child and $2 per adult for county residents and $3 per person for non-Wayne County residents. Space is limited. Call (734) 261-1990 to purchase tickets or visit the office at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Attendees should dress according to the weather. A Winter Tree and Shrub Hike, recommended for adults, is planned from 10 a.m. until noon Feb. 6 at the same location. Admission to this event is $3 for county residents and $4 for non county residents.

And the winners are

Students in the DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) program, an international association of high school and college students and teachers of marketing, management and entrepreneurship at John Glenn High School, won 30 medals at the District Conference at Eastern Michigan University. Fourteen students will advance to the state conference in March, including: Brooke Arcuragi, Catelyn Blevins; Hailey Doyle; Sydney Lockhart; Sydney Lowery; Mark Markaj; Kyle McCarthy; Grace Mortson; Adaeze Ogbuaku; Cory Routen; Jalen Sims; Justin Stepchuk; Jakob Tuttle; Valerie Vuljaj and Caleb Woodard. DECA students in the 3,500 programs across the country, learn and practice leadership skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management that help prepare them for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, management and entrepreneurship.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED USE OF THE
2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Plymouth Township Hall located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to afford the public the opportunity to place before the Board any proposed use of the 2016 CDBG funds.

Preliminary indications from the Wayne County Community Development Block Grant program are that the estimated 2016 funding allocation for the Township will be approximately $101,190. Wayne County requires that our request for public service projects not exceed 15 % of the total allocation. Based on that special requirement the projects are proposed as follows:

ESTIMATED 2016 ALLOCATION BASED ON 15%
PUBLIC SERVICE CAP

	Allocation
PUBLIC SERVICES	**$15,180**
Senior Services	**$7,590**
Council on Aging	$5,366
Senior Alliance	$2,224
Senior Transportation	**$7,590**
ADMINISTRATION	**$10,190**
BRICK & MORTAR	**$75,820**
ADA Township Facility Improvements	$75,820
TOTAL ALLOCATION	**$101,190**

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth will determine the use of the 2016 funds upon completion of the February 9, 2016 public hearing.

Any written comments regarding the proposed use of the 2016 funds should be directed to Susan Vignoe, Solid Waste and Public Service Coordinator, Charter Township of Plymouth, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI and must be received by Friday, February 5, 2016.

Nancy Conzelman
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

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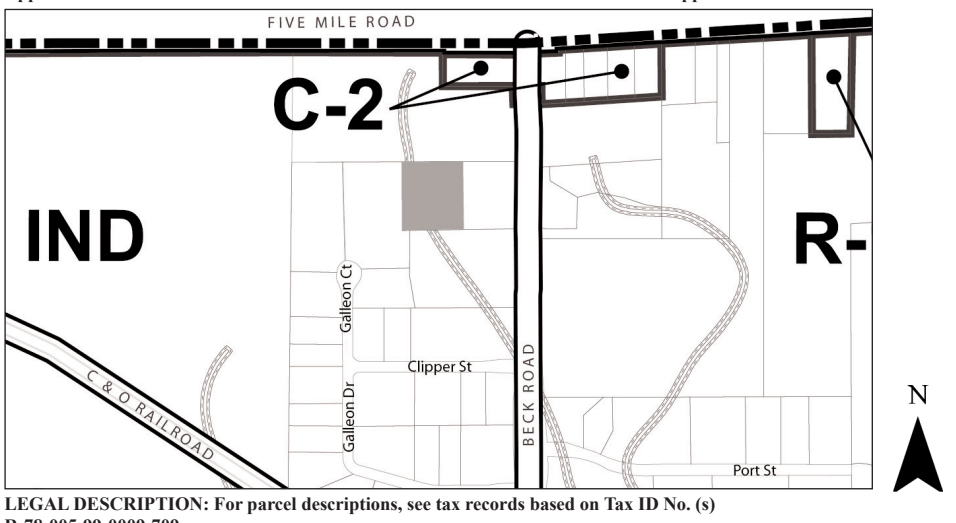
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Request Approval of a Special Land Use
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 17, 2016
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL for a hotel in the Industrial (IND) District, on Tax ID R-78-005-99-0009-709, pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, Section 19.2. The property is located north of Clipper Street, west of Beck Road, south of Five Mile Road, and east Ridge Road.

Application: 2185-0116 **Applicant:** Indsite Associates LLC.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. (s) R-78-005-99-0009-709.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that persons interested are requested to be present. Pertinent information to the application may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 5. The meeting will be held in the meeting room at Township Hall which is located at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
Phone 734-354-3201. TDD users: 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
City of Romulus, Michigan
March 8, 2016 – Presidential Primary Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016. **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016 BY 4:00 p.m.** Persons residing in the City of Romulus registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election.

Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at a Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County, or the City of Romulus Clerk's office.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that for ALL Precincts there are three ballot types: one ballot for Democratic Party, one ballot for Republican Party, and one ballot without Presidential Primary (this ballot choice is for voters not voting in the Presidential Primary who wish to vote on local proposals or candidates) as shown below:
Democratic Party Presidential Primary, President of the United States: Roque Rocky De La Fuente, Martin J. O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton, Uncommitted.
Republican Party Presidential Primary, President of the United States: Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum,
Donald J. Trump, Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, John R. Kasich, George Pataki, Uncommitted.
Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Romulus City Clerk's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540. **The following proposal will appear on the ballot:**

CITY OF ROMULUS

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the City of Romulus, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars ($25,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of neighborhood street improvements throughout the City, consisting of paving, repaving, resurfacing, reconstructing and improving neighborhood streets, including all related appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2016 is 3.53 mills ($3.53 per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 3.55 mills ($3.55 per $1,000 of taxable value).

YES _____

NO _____

PERSONS ENTITLED to be registered voters in the City of Romulus must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and the City of Romulus for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).
Registrations will be received at the City of Romulus located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Schools honor life, legacy of Dr. King

Following celebrations throughout the area honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. earlier this month, students across Northville Public Schools continued to honor Dr. King's, life and legacy in a variety of ways throughout January. The theme this year for student activities and initiatives is "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'", a quote from Dr. King.

Students were not in school Jan. 18, to mark Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but upon their return to classrooms across the 10 Northville school buildings, students took time to reflect on Dr. King's message of peace, equality and service to others through teacher-led activities that included a range of experiences aligned with curriculum standards that included book talks; reading and listening to selected Dr. King speeches; writing reflections; art projects; sharing poetry and music; researching and reporting on everyday kids who have made a difference in the world; playing friendship games and making kindness cards to share with others.

Along with classroom lessons, several buildings also had school-wide and grade-level themes planned that reinforce connections with Dr. King's messages of peaceful problem-solving and strengthening communities through service. At Thornton Creek Elementary School, kindergarten through fifth grade students will wrote about how they can make a difference in their community and created an artistic representation of their ideas. In addition, Thornton Creek kindergarteners brainstormed and voted on a community service project for February to help those in the community who are less fortunate. The entire Thornton Creek school community honored Dr. King and Rosa Parks at its school-wide The Leader in Me assembly in January.

Meads Mill Middle School sixth graders viewed the video "Mighty Times: The Children's March," which chronicles the impact the young people of Birmingham, Alabama, had on the civil rights movement and segregation in 1963. Students then created a "footprint" in words and/or a drawing showing how they can promote social change today. The footprints will be shared with parents and guardians and displayed in the school's main hallway through mid-February. Students at the district's special education center program at Cooke School viewed videos, listened to books and participated in web-based activities related to Dr. King's work, and then brainstormed ways they could help others, as well as make connections with those individuals throughout history who have devoted their lives to serving others.

At Northville High School, Principal Tony Koski reflected on Dr. King's life and legacy via morning announcements and teachers in all social studies classes incorporated student activities focused on Dr. King's message of service to others. In addition, teachers and students in all high school classes will took time to reflect on Dr. King's contributions to our world.

Along with honoring Dr. King's legacy as a civil rights pioneer, the high school also hosted an event for students and the community recognizing civil rights leader Fred Korematsu who was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1998 for his fight for equal rights for Japanese Americans during World War II and throughout his life. Speakers included Ron Aramaki, from the University of Michigan Department of American Culture; Roland Hwang, Commissioner for the Michigan Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (MAPAAC) and Adjunct Instructor for the U of M Department of American Culture and Mary Kamidoi, former Rohwer Camp internee. "The activities that our students and staff are taking part in, focused on Dr. King's legacy and the civil rights movement, go hand-in-hand with Northville Public Schools' mission and vision for all Northville students to become compassionate, quality contributors in our 21st century world," said Deanna Barash, Northville assistant superintendent for instructional services.

"The meaningful ways in which students, teachers, staff and our community are giving thought to and putting into action the principles taught by Dr. King are important," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

"It is our hope that these experiences will resonate for our students beyond this one day and beyond their classrooms, and serve as a reminder to all of us in the Northville community that the journey toward greater understanding and respect for one another is both ongoing and worthwhile."

Butterfly Balls planned

An annual Valentine's Day tradition, The Butterfly Balls, will take place Feb. 5 and 6 at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

The annual daddy-daughter dances will continue from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. on Friday and from 2-4 p.m. and 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. on Saturday in the gymnasium at the Summit.

"Canton's Butterfly Ball truly offers a treasured experience where dads and daughters can create special memories that they'll cherish forever," said Recreation Specialist Jennifer Girard. "What's also nice about this event is that grandfathers, big brothers, and other male role models are also welcome."

Guests will make memories sure to last a lifetime as they enjoy dancing to age-appropriate music, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir, and the balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Keepsake photos and face painting are available for an additional cost.

Due to limited space, advance ticket purchase is required for all ages, and walk-ins will not be accepted. Tickets, now on sale, are $10.25 per Canton resident and $13.25 for non-residents. All tickets must be purchased in person at the front desk of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. All dads and daughters require a ticket regardless of age.

No tickets will be sold after Feb. 1, without exceptions.

For more information on the event or ticket sales, contact the Summit on the Park front desk at (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

State

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not share just yet." He did say that economic development in the township including several new restaurants was very healthy and growing. "We have some exciting things that are going to be happening," he said.

Rotary Club members asked about the congestion on Ford Road, suggesting a Warren Road or Cherry Hill exit from I-275 could provide any help. LaJoy explained the expense of road repair in detail and recalled the three trips he has made to Washington, D.C. in attempts to obtain federal funds to help with the Ford Road congestion.

He said all the efforts the township has made to ease the situation for motorists have resulted only in the funding of plans and studies, but no actual construction.

"We're going to keep going after it," he told the club members.

He also discussed the township use of focus groups to determine needs of residents and the support he feels the administration receives from the public. Overall, he reiterated, while Canton Township suffered the financial impact of the recent recession, the township is now "in very good shape," he concluded.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agendas and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review online at www.plymouthtwp.org under Agendas/Minutes and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2016: February 9, March 1, March 15, April 12, April 26, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 9, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15 and December 13.
Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Conzelman
Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE OF THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to Plymouth Township residents that **February 8, 2016** is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. The Presidential Primary Election is being held for the purpose of voting for candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States.

Residents of Plymouth Township who are not already registered to vote in Plymouth Township may register at a Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency, or by visiting the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mail-in registrations postmarked by February 8, 2016 will also be accepted.

Nancy Conzelman
Plymouth Township Clerk

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AGGRESSIVE LITIGATION

GARRATT
& BACHAND, P.C.
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS

74 WEST LONG LAKE ROAD
SUITE 200
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN 48304
(248) 645-1450 • FAX (248) 645-2311

LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS
NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth
Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road pavement rehabilitation project in Plymouth Commons Subdivision and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements to the existing two-lane concrete roadway with integral curb and gutter shall consist of partial pavement replacement by way of slab replacement, partial slab replacement, longitudinal and transverse joint repair, subgrade preparation, crack sealing, and miscellaneous driveway work, sidewalk ramp, drainage structure modification or subgrade underdrain installation, which may be needed to facilitate the replacement of road pavement only, or as required by County of Wayne. The project commences at the west right-of-way line of Ridge Road, and proceeds westerly on Commons Boulevard approximately 390 feet to the intersection at Howland Park Drive, then proceeds along Howland Park Drive approximately 4,575 feet from the intersection at Commons Boulevard to the intersection at Hopkins Drive, then proceeds easterly along Cooke Avenue approximately 3,020 feet from the intersection at Hopkins Drive to the intersection at Commons Boulevard. The project also includes Hopkins Drive commencing at the intersection of Cooke Avenue and proceeding southerly approximately 420 feet to the north right-of way line of Powell Road, and Winslow Court commencing at the intersection with Cooke Avenue and proceeding southeasterly approximately 195 feet to its point of termination, and Fuller Court commencing at the intersection with Howland Park Drive and proceeding westerly approximately 435 feet to its point of termination, and Belton Court commencing at the intersection of Howland Park Drive and proceeding northeasterly approximately 240 feet to its point of termination, and Standish Court commencing at the intersection of Howland Park Drive and proceeding easterly approximately 495 feet to its point of termination.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Commons Boulevard, Howland Park Drive, Cooke Avenue, Hopkins Drive, Winslow Court, Fuller Court, Belton Court, and Standish Court consists of Lots 1 through 130 of Plymouth Commons Subdivision, located in the Southeast ¼ of Section 30, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Rd, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimate of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of cost of such project is in the approximate amount of $861,200.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Nancy Conzelman
Charter Township of Plymouth
9955 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 354-3224

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Plymouth

Rotary Club offers scholarships to students

The Plymouth Noon Rotary Club is offering two memorial scholarships for students in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools.

Each of the scholarships is for $2,500 annually for four years for a total of $10,000. Additional one-year scholarships will also be awarded by the club.

Members of the Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship Committee are looking for well-rounded individuals who have demonstrated academic success, show leadership qualities and exhibit the characteristics of "Service Above Self." To be considered for this scholarship students must reside within the Plymouth-Canton school district, be a graduating senior, have a grade point average of at least 3.0, be a person of high personal and moral character and have demonstrated school and community service.

The Plymouth Rotary Club has awarded hundreds of scholarships to students during the past decades. Committee members said that making a selection from among the applications submitted each year is very difficult.

> *This year, Weber said, the club members expect to award more than $50,000 in scholarships.*

"It is truly rewarding to realize that so many of our students are talented and contributing young citizens. The Rotary Club of Plymouth is pleased to be able to make these scholarships available to the deserving youth of our community," noted Bill Weber, a member of the scholarship committee.

In addition to the Plymouth Rotary Club Memorial Scholarships, the club also funds technical education and academic scholarships. This year, Weber said, the club members expect to award more than $50,000 in scholarships.

Memorial Scholarship Application forms are available in the counseling offices at each of the high schools as well as on the Rotary website, www.plymouthrotary.org.

Application deadline is March 6.

Funds

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"abusive."

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington expressed his disappointment with the secession of the program, noting that since 2011, $2.5 million in asset forfeiture funds were returned to the township. Tiderington referred to the changes as a significant blow to drug law enforcement.

"This is the best thing to happen to drug traffickers," Tiderington said.

Tiderington, who was an undercover police lieutenant in Ft. Lauderdale Florida for 10 years before coming to Plymouth, is familiar with the program and its intricacies. Plymouth Township participates in a statewide Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) task force.

"If we can no longer share assets with state and local governments, then we can't afford to have people assigned to a DEA task force," he said.

A later letter sent by the DOJ on Jan. 6, 2016 titled, Deferral of Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Payments-Fact Sheet, contradicted their initial notice of rescission.

"Contrary to some reports, the Department did not "shut down" or otherwise terminate the Equitable Sharing Program. Rather, the department was required to temporarily defer equitable sharing payments to our state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners due to the combined effects of the $1.2 billion rescission and our obligations to maintain the financial solvency of the Asset Forfeiture Program and operate within legal guidelines for Federal financial management. This deferral decision was made purely for budgetary reasons, and does not alter the department's commitment to supporting state, local, and tribal law enforcement," the letter stated.

John Werth, Northville Township public safety director and current president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police also takes exception to the deferment and the inference that the system is riddled with abuses.

"We're not looking for a windfall of dollars, but need to recoup expenses for our personnel. To stop crime you have to hit them were the money is…sometimes there is just negotiation and the seizure is the punishment-it's not that they're not guilty."

Werth said that last week representatives from his chiefs of police organization and other community law enforcement officials met with Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.

"We're reaching out to our congressmen and government officials to educate them on the importance of equitable sharing," Werth said.

The DOJ letter said there was no definite date for the return of the forfeiture funding.

"The bottom line is that the department views this as a 'pause' whereby we are holding payments in place until the funding situation improves. We hope that when funding allows, we will resume payments where they left off either in full, or as close to full as the budgetary situation allows," the latest letter stated.

Legislator blasts supervisor

Political season has already begun in Plymouth Township with the criticism of a presumptive candidate for supervisor on an internet site.

State Rep. Kurt Heise took Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price to task about the site during the public comment portion of the agenda at a regular meeting of the board recently.

Heise accused Price of being complicit in "cyber bullying" and said that the supervisor, who is expected to be a candidate in November, knows "all the people behind this."

Heise showed a photo of the site, which has a photo of him, imposed over a menacing looking man behind bars. The internet site is critical of Heise's current bill which would allow future prisoners to be eligible for release if they have served their minimum sentence.

He told the board of trustees that this bill had "passed the House with a majority of Republican support. It's supported by Speaker Cotter, the Detroit News and Free Press, and is one of Governor Snyder's top three priorities for 2016," he said.

"I'm all for debate on the issues, but this kind of imagery and messaging crosses the line, and puts our township in a negative light. The image of an African-American man behind bars along with dishonest and racist 'code words' and imagery on both a Facebook site and website is the kind of demagoguery that people of goodwill must reject," Heise said.

He said the site was the work of political activist Joe Munem, who is also the head of government relations for Rizzo Environmental. Heise said Munem has donated money to Price's campaign and that Rizzo just "got a multi-year contract with the township."

He said that Munem's partner in the internet site is Canton attorney Deb Whyman.

"The Citizens for Accountable Government PAC has been used for years by Munem and Whyman to help Rizzo obtain trash contracts, and as you all know, to attack and smear political opponents," Heise claimed.

"Now I think Rizzo Environmental is a good corporate citizen; I sure hope they're not financing this effort," Heise added.

Heise also criticized Stu Sandler, with whom Price formerly worked and who attended Price's interviews for the supervisor's appointment and his subsequent swearing in.

"I've discovered that the "Citizens for Accountable Government" Facebook site is directly linked to Sandler's political consulting company, and Sandler has made it very clear to me that he's running your political operations," Heise claimed.

"Plymouth Township must be a tolerant and welcoming community, and must denounce racist and malicious fear-mongering like this," Heise said.

"If you really want to stop cyber-bullying, this would be a great place to start," Heise told Price.

Price made no public comment on Heise's claims.

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City hires former Westland development director

It didn't take Lori Fodale long to find a new position when her contract as the Economic Development Director in Westland was not renewed Jan. 31.

Last week, Fodale, who worked in Westland for eight years, was hired for the same job in the City of Wayne.

Fodale was introduced to the members of the Wayne City Council at their regular meeting by City Manager Lisa Nocerini who said that while there had been interest from businesses about moving to Wayne, there had been no one for them to talk to about the process. She said Fodale's experience will bring a new perspective to the city.

Fodale was the director of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for 13 years prior to taking the job in Westland.

Her $70,000 annual salary will be split between the city and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) as she will also serve as a staff person for that group.

Nocerini said that Fodale would help with economic development planning for the future, which is a key to bringing additional revenue into the city.

"Lori has the background that we need and knows Wayne - her family lived here," said Nocerini. "We have vacant buildings - that's one of the biggest complaints we hear. The city is in a financial situation where it needs to bring in revenue."

Nocerini said that employing Fodale would not impact the support the city has for the Wayne Main Street project and Fodale said that she is supportive of that effort.

Currently, the City of Wayne faces a $2.25 million budget shortfall and auditors predict the city could be out of money in early 2017.

St. Mary sets open house

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, St. Mary Catholic School will be hosting an Open House from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31.

The event is open to anyone who may be interested in school for grades Preschool 3, Preschool 4, and Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet teachers and administration, as well as view classrooms and work done by students. St. Mary is a diverse school that offers many extracurricular activities to meet each individual student's interests. The school Learning Specialist will be available to discuss extra help that is available to students during the school day as well as after school small group tutoring. Students from the middle school will also be demonstrating a dissection in the science lab.

Registration and tuition information for the 2016-2017 school year will be available. Families may also inquire about Tuition Assistance Programs.

More information regarding St. Mary School is available at stmaryschoolwayne.org or feel free to call the School Office at (734) 721-1240 or email schooloffice@stmarywayne.org.

The school is located at 34516 West Michigan Ave. in Wayne.

Alumni sought for honor

This year's commencement ceremony for Wayne Memorial High School will continue the tradition of awarding a "Distinguished Alumni" medal to a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," said Kevin Weber, Wayne principal. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or international level. The Distinguished Alumni Award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis."

Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal.

"This is an opportunity for our current graduating class to hear first hand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society," Weber said.

The most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial officials are asking the community to help in the search. If any member of the community wishes to nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate, contact the principal's office at Wayne Memorial High School, (734) 419-2206. The school is located at 3001 Fourth St. Wayne, Michigan 48184.

A "Distinguished Alumni" committee has been established at Wayne Memorial to decide on the recipient for 2016. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May, and the recipient will then be honored at commencement, June 4. Nominations are due by Feb. 26.

Parents meeting is planned

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night for those with students transitioning to 9th grade or those interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and more. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. Any additional questions should be directed to the Counseling Department at (734)419-2215.

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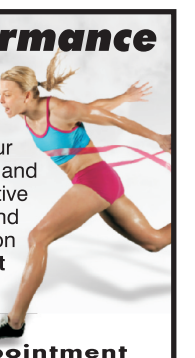

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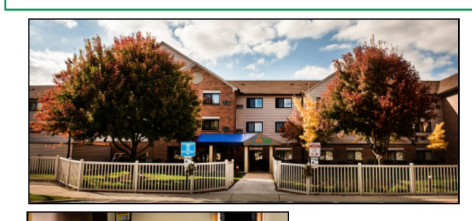
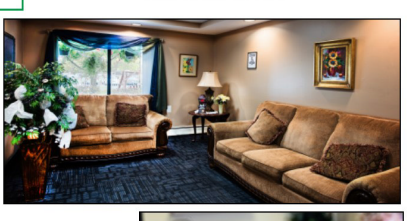

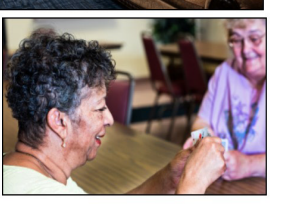

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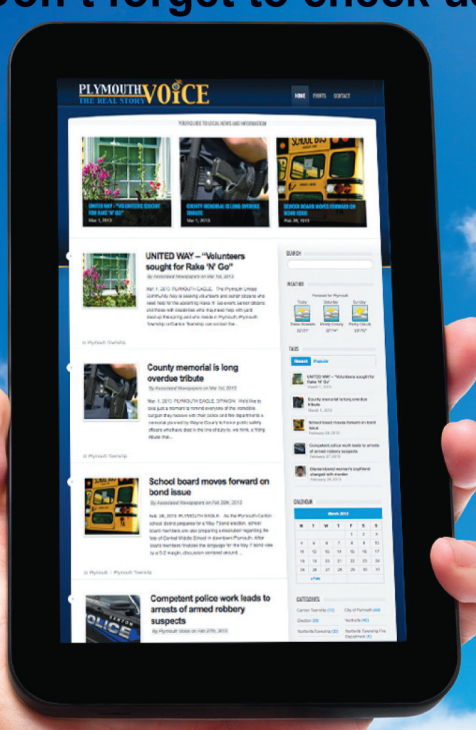
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Calendar of events

Swimming sessions available

Registration for the winter session of swimming sessions at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) is now under way and will continue through Feb. 26. Registration will be closed (online and at the office) Feb. 15-19 and will re-open Feb.20.

The pool will be closed Feb. 13 through 20 to complete updates. Visit www.PlymouthPARC.com [http://plymouthparc.com/] to register.

PARC aquatics program is a swim program dedicated to providing a quality and price friendly aquatics program to all ages offering a variety of swim programs to fit the needs of beginners, recreational, and competitive swimmers. Classes are taught by certified staff members.

Soccer registration is under way

Plymouth spring soccer registration will take place during the entire month of January at the recreation office from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday on online 24/7. Last day of registration is Jan. 31 and the last day of in-office registration is Jan. 29.

To register online, players or parents must have an email address on file, a username, and a password; for first time users this can be set-up by the recreation department by email at recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us [mailto:recreation@ci.plymouth.mi.us] , or call (734)455-6620, or visit the Soccer Webpage, which has registration forms and a link to online registration at: www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/soccer [http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=655] .

The recreation office is located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

Hot Reads for Cold Nights

The Adult Winter Reading Program will be under way at the Romulus Community Library through March 30.

Readers should register at the front desk to receive a reading log and record each book read by March 30 when a reception including food, hot cocoa and prize drawings will take place at 6:30 p.m.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Citizens Academy accepting students

The Romulus Citizens' Academy will start on Feb. 2 and applications are now available. The academy is a free 15-week course that highlights various services provided by the police and fire departments, from SWAT team demonstrations to the Jaws of Life and crime scene investigation.

The class is free, but limited to 25 participants. Applications and additional information are available at the Romulus Police Department, 11165 Olive St., Romulus or online at www.romulusgov.com/citizensacademy.

This year, the sessions will take place from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 2 though May 17, according to city officials.

All applicants must complete a pre-screening interview prior to acceptance into the classes.

Bricks for sale

Memorial bricks to be installed at the veteran's memorial in the City of Romulus are for sale, to honor those who have served in the armed services of our country.

Bricks on the veteran's wall are priced at $125 with two lines of text and bricks on the walkway with two lines are $75. Larger size walkway bricks are available for $100 and include four lines of text.

Orders for the bricks are being accepted at the treasurer's office in Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus, the Romulus Chamber of Commerce office at 11189 Shook Road in Romulus or the Romulus VFW Post 9568, 39270 W. Huron River Dr. In Romulus.

For more information, contact the treasurer's office, (734) 942-7580.

Count Me In storytime continues

The Canton Library is offering Storytime for kids with special needs, Count Me In, at 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The Storytimes are designed for young children with developmental delays and disabilities. The programs are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

Programs are planned for Feb. 13, March 12, April 23, May 21 and June 18 at the Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Road.

For information, call (734) 397-0999.

Butterflies are topic

Pollinator Preservation Strategies for the Home Garden will be the topic at the 7 p.m. Jan. 29 meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association at the Nankin Mills Nature Center in Westland.

Cheryl English, advanced master gardener certified through Michigan State University Extension, will be speaking on pollinator preservation strategies for home gardens. For more information, call (734) 223-5510 or visit www.sembabutterfly.org.

Inspire Theatre presents lady pirates

Inspire Theater will present The Lady Pirates of Captain Bree weekends from Jan. 29 through Feb. 14 at the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland.

The play features the crew of the Kala Mae in their swashbuckling musical tale of Captain Bree and her lady pirates roaming the Seven Seas in search of adventure, love and laughter.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets, priced at $16 for the musical comedy, are available by calling (734)751-7057 or access InspireTheatre.com.

Teen reading program planned

The Romulus Public Library Teen Winter Reading Program will take place through March 3 for ages 12 through 17.

Teens can read and collect prizes. Those filling up their entire reading card will win a free book and entry into a special drawing.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Health film hearings set

A video scheduled to be used in reproductive health classes for fourth-grade girls will be the subject of two public hearings for parents of Northville students.

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education have scheduled the public meetings to allow parents and community members to comment on a proposed revision to the instructional DVD used in the fourth-grade reproductive health lesson for female students

A second hearing is planned during the regular meeting of the members of the board of education beginning at 7 p.m. Feb. 9, with a preview opportunity from 6:30-7 p.m. at Hillside Middle School Forum, 775 North Center St., Northville, MI 48167

Teen writers to meet

The Romulus Community Library is hosting a writing club for teens to share creativity.

Meetings take place from 4-5 p.m. the last Monday of the month through Feb. 29.

Light refreshments will be served.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Literacy tutors sought

The Romulus Community Library is seeking tutors for the adult literacy program. Volunteers need only to be able to read and write English fluently, enjoy reading and enjoy helping others.

Tutor training will take place Jan. 30 at the library, 11121 Wayne Road. For more information about volunteering, call Kassi Gilbert, adult services librarian, (734) 955-4538.

Battle of the Books is on

Teams have until tomorrow, Jan. 29 to register for the Battle of the Books at Northville District Library.

The "battle" is a reading program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Teams of two to six students read from a set of seven books and compete to answer questions based on those books during the final competition at 6:30 p.m. March 16 at Northville High School.

Registration forms are available at the middle schools media center or Northville District Library.

For more information, access www.northvillelibrary.org. or call (248) 349-3020.

Dream Creatures on exhibit

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present "Dream Creatures," a mixed media solo exhibition featuring the works of Took Gallagher through Jan. 31, in the Gallery@VT.

Displayed works include collages, plaster cloth sculptures, and hand sewn items turn into dreamlike creatures based on the images the artist has seen emerge from the layers of paper, paint, and cloth that were used in her pieces.

This multi-media art exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday - Friday and during public performances at the theater. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

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